

Stayton Downtown Urban Renewal Agency
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Vigil, Chairman	James Loftus
Gerry Aboud	Michael Schultz
Steve Frank	Shannon Tureck
Catherine Hemshorn	Michelle Wonderling

STAFF: Don Eubank, City Administrator
Dan Fleishman, Director of Planning and Development
Dave Kinney, Public Works Director

OTHERS: Charles Kupper, Consultant
John Spencer, Consultant
John Brandt

Chairman Vigil opened the meeting at 6:22.

1. Approval of minutes

Loftus moved and Aboud seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Review of draft Downtown Urban Renewal Plan and Report

Fleishman and Kinney presented a slide show explaining the Downtown Transportation and Revitalization Plan and background regarding urban renewal.

There was discussion about the particulars of the Downtown Transportation and Revitalization, the proposed Urban Renewal Plan, the relationship between the Urban Renewal Plan and the Report on the Urban Renewal Plan, and the estimates for costs and spending by the urban renewal agency.

Frank moved and Hemshorn seconded that the Agency forward the Plan and Report to the City Council with a recommendation that they send the documents to referendum for approval. Following discussion on the motion, the motion was defeated with Loftus, Frank and Hemshorn voting in favor and 5 opposed.

Loftus expressed concern that Urban Renewal Funds shouldn't be used for a new City Hall, feeling that there are higher priority development needs. After discussion, Loftus moved and Tureck seconded that the Plan be amended to include a statement that no funds of any type or service from the Agency may be used in the planning, designing, or construction of a City Hall before 2021. The motion was approved with 5 in favor, 2 opposed and Frank abstaining.

Aboud moved and Wonderling seconded that the Urban Renewal Agency forward the Plan to the City Council to adopt the Urban Renewal Plan as amended. Loftus stated that he thinks the Plan should contain recommendations from the Agency that the City Council review the

comprehensive plan policies and land use requirements for the Plan Area, as he feels that some of the land use provisions may hamper development in an area that has been designated for redevelopment. Following discussion on whether such a statement would be appropriate in the Plan or should be made separately, the motion was approved with 6 in favor and Loftus and Frank opposed.

Loftus moved and Tureck seconded that the Agency write a letter that several Agency members have concerns over the provision of the Central Core Mixed Use zone, and the Downtown Residential Mixed Use Zone and recommend that the City Council review these provisions. The motion was defeated with 4 in favor and 4 opposed.

Loftus moved and Vigil seconded that the agency appoint a member other than the Mayor or a Councilor to speak at the City Council's public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan expressing the concerns of some members of the Agency about the Plan, and Report and the Land Use Code provisions. Vigil offered an amendment to the motion that the individual be Tureck and Loftus seconded the motion. The amendment was defeated with 4 in favor and 4 opposed. Loftus withdrew his motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.